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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/586,787	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HOFMANN ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b> ANTHONY OJINI	<b>Art Unit</b> 3723

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**Period for Reply**

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.      2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 July 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/24/06
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Specification*

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:  
on page 6, paragraph [0026], change “coupling rod 23” to ---coupling rod  
29----.

Appropriate correction is required.

### *Drawings*

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character “1” has been used to designate both **first pliers arm** and **jaw part** in **figures 1,2**. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any

required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 2, the element "automatic adaptation" is unclear; in line 10, the expression "with the first pliers arm (1) or in the jaw part (3)" is unclear which element applicant is referring to; in line 10, following the term "a first sliding wedge" add ---surface---; in line 11, following the term "a second sliding wedge" add --surface--; in line 17, the term "it" is unclear; and in 10, the term "whereby" does not define any structure and accordingly can not serve to distinguish.

*In re Mason, 114 USPQ 127, 44 CCPA 937 (1957).*

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the art of record considered as a whole, alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a wire-stripping pliers having a pair of sliding wedges (13,23) that are mounted in a recess shaped to match the sliding wedges (13,23) in the jaw parts and wherein squeezing the wire-stripping pliers, causes **longitudinal displacement of the sliding wedges (13, 23) along with simultaneous matching of position of the sliding wedges (13, 23)** perpendicular to the longitudinal direction that results in cutting-depth adjustment of the cutting jaws (41) and the cutting blades (37)" in the combination as claimed in **claim 1**.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bieganski, Yamazaki et al., Schmode et al., Krampe, Wall disclose a wire stripping tools respectively.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANTHONY OJINI whose telephone number is (571)272-4492. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 to 4 Tuesday-Friday with every other Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571 272 4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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